### REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

### CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of November 22nd, 2004

# Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

# **Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force**

On April 20, 2003, Henry Zelaya, a known member of the "Tecla Locotes Salvatruchos" clique of the MS-13 gang and three other gang members allegedly beat a member of the rival "Vatos Locos" clique of the MS-13 gang, and then shot him in the head. The Prince George's County, Maryland, Police Department developed Zelaya as a suspect and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Prince George's County Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) developed information that Zeyala may have been staying with a girlfriend in Prince William County, Virginia. CARFTF members, along with Prince William County police, set up surveillance at about 3:30 a.m. and arrested Zelaya at that location at 5:45 a.m. on November 23, 2004 without incident.

MS – 13 Gang Member



Henry Zelaya

**Wanted for Murder** 

#### **Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force**

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 17, 2004, Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) investigators, in conjunction with Richmond County, Georgia, Sheriff's deputies, arrested Derrian Rashad Brown at a home in Hephzibah, Georgia. The subject was wanted by the Dekalb County Sheriff's Office in Atlanta for homicide. Brown was a purported drug supplier between Atlanta and Augusta, Georgia, areas along the I-20 corridor. On September 28, 2004, Brown allegedly set up a drug transaction in Atlanta with another individual whom he planned to rob and kill. At the proposed meeting, Brown shot the victim multiple times and then proceeded to slash his throat. The victim died at the scene and Brown, identified by witnesses, fled the area to Augusta, where he had numerous relatives. On the afternoon of November 16, 2004, SERFTF investigators traveled from Atlanta to Augusta and set up surveillance on the home of Brown's cousin, with whom he was believed to be staying. At approximately 4:00 a.m., information was received that the subject was at another house in the same subdivision. Investigators entered that home and found Brown hiding in a bedroom closet where a brief struggle ensued. At the time of his arrest, Brown was wanted for absconding while on parole from a criminal trespassing charge.



Derrian Rashad Brown

**Wanted for Homicide** 

## **Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force**

Thomas Edward Scott was arrested in Idyllwild, California by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force, Deputy Sheriffs from the Orange County Sheriff's Department, and deputy United States marshals from the Central District of California. Scott had been wanted by the Orange County Sheriff's Department and the Tustin, California Police Department since December 1998 when he fled after being convicted of solicitation to commit a felony, and lewd and lascivious acts with a child under the age of 14. The charges against Scott alleged that he had repeatedly contacted a 10-year-old boy to solicit sexual favors. After his conviction, Scott was allowed to remain free on bond pending commencement of his sentence; however, he chose to flee instead. In November 2004, the Orange County Sheriff's Department referred the case to the Task Force for investigation. Through the assistance of the U.S. Marshals Financial Surveillance Unit, investigators developed information that indicated that Scott was living under an alias in Idyllwild, California, a secluded mountain resort town located between Los Angeles and Palm Springs. Investigators traveled to the Idyllwild area and were able to locate and arrest Scott without incident.



**Thomas Scott** 

Wanted for Solicitation to Commit a Felony and for Lewd and Lascivious Acts with a Child under the age of 14

# **Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force**

November 2004. Michael Anderson. 23. Project Neighborhoods Top Ten fugitive was taken into custody by the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF). Anderson has an extensive history of violent crime, including arrests for unlawful use of weapons, drugs, vehicle hijacking, residential burglary, and theft. Anderson had seven outstanding warrants including warrants from Sangamon County, Illinois for theft, resisting a police officer, and domestic battery. Anderson, a member of the Gangster Disciples splinter group, Bos Pimp Players, was involved in a June 2004 drive-by shooting in Springfield, Illinois, in which a rival gang member's house was fired upon. The on-going feud between the two gangs has resulted in escalating violence and retaliation. Approximately two weeks ago, members of the GLRFTF located Anderson in a vehicle; however, he was able to escape after a vehicle pursuit was terminated for safety reasons. The vehicle was later located and searched and a loaded handgun was recovered from it. On November 23, 2004, Anderson surrendered to the GLRFTF after the GLRFTF tracked him for 62 days and applied tremendous pressure on his family and acquaintances.

Gangster Disciples Gang Member



**Michael Anderson** 

Wanted in connection with a drive-by shooting. Also wanted for theft, resisting a police officer, and domestic violence

## New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 8, 2004, at approximately 5:00 a.m., a female walking to work was grabbed and dragged into an alley between two houses by an unknown assailant. The victim was then beaten over the head and viciously sexually assaulted. After the assault, the assailant robbed a camera from the victim and left her for dead. A bystander found the victim and notified police. Investigation by the Trenton, New Jersey, Police Department led police to identify the assailant as Taqualon D. Finch. On November 23, 2004, NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force members arrested Finch who was charged with aggravated sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated assault, and weapons offenses. Finch is also a suspect in four additional sexual assaults involving similar circumstances which occurred in Hamilton Township within the past year.



**Taqualon Finch** 

Wanted for Aggravated Sexual Assault, Kidnapping, Aggravated Assault, and Weapons Offenses